



MINUTES

CITY OF BRENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

February 8, 2023

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, beginning at noon at Brenham City Hall– Conference Room 2-A, 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

Bill Betts, Delbert Boeker, Ginger Bosse, Lauren Buth, Lee Chalmers, Tina Henderson and Courtney Mason, Dusty Robinson

Members Absent:

Andrea Fischer

City of Brenham Staff Present:

Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Casey Redman, Tammy Jaster, and Kyle Branham

Citizens/Others Present:

Robbie Gail Charette; Vicki Bruce; Lisa Keesler

Media Present:

Mark Whitehead, KWHI

1. **Bill Betts called the meeting to order** - welcome to our new board members Courtney Mason and Lauren Buth

2. **Citizen/Visitor Comments**

Vicki Bruce wanted to thank Tammy for promoting the Pickleball clinic and the city for all the support, 1st clinic had 23 out of 24 possible spots filled. Excited for the March event. There are over 100 members in the Brenham Pickleball club.

Dane- made a presentation to outgoing members Paul Buis and Jim Baker for their time served on the Parks Board.

WORK SESSION

3. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for a Term of One (1) Year**

Elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2023. Electing the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is done annually. The term is for a one (1) year period per the Policies and Procedures for Boards and Commissions adopted by the City.

The Chairperson of the Board shall be the presiding officer for meetings, and the Vice-Chairperson shall act in the Chairperson's absence.

Bill asked for nominations from the board. Lee nominated Bill Betts for Chairman and Dusty Robinson seconded that nomination. Motion passed.

Dusty Robinson nominated Lee Chalmers for Vice Chairman, Courtney seconded the motion, motion passed.

4. Presentation of the Texas Parks and Recreation Maintenance Rodeo & Workshop

Dane Rau presented on the TRAPS Rodeo & Workshop. A PowerPoint presentation on the TRAPS Rodeo held on November 9-10th. All activities took place at Hohlt Park and the Barnhill Center. It was a great two days that was enjoyed by all and really showed the hard work that the City of Brenham has put into both Hohlt Park and the Barnhill Center. Over 30 different cities were represented throughout our region, and this was the first true "Breakout Workshop" in which the Barnhill Center hosted which utilized Morris Hall, Theatre, and Council Chambers. CONGRATS to Victor for placing 3rd in the plant identification category.

5. Discussion Regarding Year End Tournament Recap

Casey Redman presented a recap of end of year tournaments. Please see the attached 2022 tournament recap spreadsheet and the 2023 tournament booking list for your review. In 2022 - 35 tournaments made, 46 currently set for 2023. With more calling. Normally 70% make due to weather so normally 35- 40 tournaments should make. Dane stated that those that have successful tournaments are the ones who have priority for the next year. BISD Boys Baseball only down for 1 tournament at home this year. We are also looking for part time help 17 yrs or older, mostly weekends, if anyone knows of someone please sent them our way.

6. Discussion and Update Related to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Local Park Grant Program for Brenham Family Park and Recreational Trails Grant Program for the Nature Trail at Hohlt Park Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant for Brenham Family Park Phase I(a)

Dane spoke on the Brenham Family Park, since our last update staff along with Quiddity and Wild Associates has re-submitted the Environmental Assessment to Texas Parks and Wildlife who subsequently has sent it to the National Parks Service for final approval. Based on the first round of recommendations from August of 2022 we feel that we have met all requirements related to archeological, environmental and design parameters. Quiddity has plans at 90% complete and we have also submitted them to our plan review team for comments. We have received a new timeline which is attached. We are anxious to receive the notice to proceed from the National Parks Service which is issuing the \$750,000 of grant funds to Texas Parks and Wildlife for this project. This is 32-33 acres consisting of all amenity playscape, parking lot, 1 mile hike/bike trail, 3-acre pond for fishing and kayaking.

In the meantime, we are proceeding with the Bridge Crossing that is located in the middle of Phase 1 and Phase 2 and will be needed not only for access to a lift station but long-term to connect the two sides. This was not part of the grant and was funded by BCDC. This will be maintenance crossing as well as pedestrian crossing. We are also actively working with the Disc

Golf Group to relocate the disc golf course from Hohlt Park to the south end of Phase 2 which will have a footprint of roughly 25 acres. This will allow them to have a more spacious course and 18 holes rather than 9. By adding this it will give another amenity to the Brenham Family Park until Phase 2 and 3 are developed more fully.

Recreational Trails Program for Crossover Nature Trail

Since last meeting we have successfully awarded this project to Collier Construction in the amount of \$291,517. Through Texas Parks and Wildlife we received a grant in the amount of \$66,400. The balance is funded by BCDC. The notice to proceed has been given to the city and construction should begin in February of 2023.

These improvements will include a boardwalk, educational signage, a 0.59-mile granite looped trail, benches, and numerous plantings that attract butterflies and pollinators. (See attachments) This will be known as the "Crossover Nature Trail".

We are excited to finally get this project off the ground and enhance this area of Hohlt Park for all. Project should be completed in June.

7. Discussion and Update on Parks and Recreation Projects Funded in FY21-22

Dane updated the board on the Board on BCDC funded items related to Parks, Recreation, and Aquatics. The team has completed all projects from 2021-22. Bridges Repainted at Henderson; Bullpen Upgrades at Hohlt Park; New Pay equipment at Hattie Mae Flowers; Parking Lot at the Aquatic Center; Nature Trail enhancements at Hohlt Park.

For the 2022-23 "New" projects our team is working hard to identify vendors, meet procurement policy and get applicable quotes to move forward. Some of the projects are much more intense such as the Men/Women Locker Room Refurbishment, Play for All Playscape and Turf Fields at Hohlt. Other projects are simpler, and we have already issued purchase and have even completed many of the projects.

The team is excited to enhance the Blue Bell Aquatic Center and City of Brenham Parks System and provide programming for our community through these dedicated funds. Dane - thanked the support of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and BCDC as it makes a huge difference and is noted by all.

REGULAR SESSION

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the October 12, 2022, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Lee Chalmers and seconded by Board Member Delbert Boeker to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2022 regular meeting.

Chairman Bill Betts called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Board Member Bill Betts	Yes
Board Member Delbert Boeker	Yes
Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes
Board Member Wendy Buth	YES
Board Member Lee Chalmers	Yes
Board Member Andrea Fischer	ABSENT

Board Member Tina Henderson	Yes
Board Member Courtney Mason	YES
Board Member Dusty Robinson	Yes

9. Approval of 2023 Meeting Dates

Tammy reviewed the proposed schedule of Meetings. Meeting every 2nd month on Wednesday at Noon. Below outlines the set meeting dates for 2023.

February 8, 2023
 April 12, 2023
 June 14, 2023
 August 9, 2023
 October 11, 2023
 December 13, 2023

10. Parks and Recreation Staff Updates

- ▶ Public Works Director Dane Rau stated that staff will be identifying projects for the upcoming BCDC funding cycle.
- ▶ Aquatic & Recreation Superintendent Tammy Jaster updated the aquatics and recreation report Highlighting the Lifesaving Award to Alex Dallmeyer as well as Kelsey Toy for being the instructor, Kelsey presenting at TPPC, the new inflatables are popular. Walk with a Doc continuing the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Blinn College Kruse Recreation Center. Story Walk, The Pickleball Clinics are a hit. the new City Guide, Pop up Play Days, Bike Rodeo, Movies in the Park, and upcoming programs & events. Bucket List will air the Carousel coming up at end of the month.
- ▶ Parks Superintendent Casey Redman reported on maintenance updates. Baseball & Softball gearing up so lots of work striping fields and getting them ready. The All Sports Building got a fresh coat of paint, canopy poles at Hohlt Park got a fresh coat of paint. We are thankful for the Woodman of the group as they came out to re-stain and clean the desk at the All Sports Building. Courtney suggested the horticulture group at the high school as possible assistance. Busy time is upon us.

11. Adjourn

Director Bill Betts adjourned the meeting.

Bill Betts

Bill Betts, Director

ATTEST:

Tammy Jaster

Tammy Jaster, Staff Liaison